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MEMORANDUM FOR: <sup>DDIO</sup> ~~Director of Central Intelligence~~  
VIA : <sup>Deputy</sup> Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM :   
Acting Legislative Counsel  
SUBJECT : Subcommittee on Oversight, House Permanent  
Select Committee on Intelligence, Chairman  
Les Aspin (D., Wis.) Open Hearing on CIA  
and the Media Scheduled for 0900 to 1200  
hours on April 20, 1978

1. (U) Action Requested: <sup>In points on</sup> ~~None, for information only.~~  
Following are a series of subject areas that Chairman Les  
Aspin will wish to pursue with you during your testimony  
scheduled for 0900-1200 on April 20, 1978.

2. (C) Background: The following points and issues are  
of particular interest to Chairman Aspin:

a. Your regulation on CIA's dealing with the media.  
There will be two major thrusts to Chairman Aspin's  
questioning:

(1) He intends to ask your opinion about  
possible revisions of the existing regulation  
on CIA's relationship with the media. He will  
cover such items as: whether free-lancers should  
be included in the prohibited contact group; your  
definition of "intelligence activities"; whether  
page 2 of your regulation gives back what page 1  
takes away; and he will most probably suggest that  
any revision of your regulation include a provision  
for notifying Congress if you make any subsequent  
changes in the regulation on CIA's relationship  
with the media.

(2) Chairman Aspin has display boards on  
People, Associations and Activities. They are  
graphic break-outs of your regulation and include  
the kinds of activities that should or should not  
be conducted with the media. He will almost certainly

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wish to walk you through each of these to obtain your views on which relationships you approve, which you do not, and why.

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b. The question will probably be raised as to whether black propaganda should be eliminated from CIA's repertoire. Similarly, there will probably be some discussion of the use of true propaganda, particularly when it is not for attribution to the Agency.

c. Chairman Aspin will wish to explore the function of the Office of Public Affairs, with particular regard to the Office of Public Affairs' providing non-attributable briefings to U.S. journalists.

d. With regard to Elias Demetracopoulos, Chairman Aspin may pursue whether or not the CIA attempted to discredit him, and if so, why.

e. As you are probably aware, the DDO briefed Time Magazine in connection with Chilean operational activities on the general subject of then President Salvador Allende. Apparently, this briefing provided much of the material for the subsequent feature article (including the Time cover) on Salvador Allende in Time Magazine. Chairman Aspin's interest and concern will be the appropriateness of the DDO providing briefings.

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f. It is possible that the COS ambassadorial relationship will be raised. Chairman Aspin is aware that the press has seriously overplayed the alleged difference in what should or should not be shown to Ambassadors and his raising of this issue is expected to be with the intent of making it clear that a problem does not really exist in this area.

3. (U) Recommendation: It is recommended that a relatively short statement be prepared for you to give to the Committee outlining your positions on CIA's relationships with the media and any possible modifications you may have in mind for your regulation on CIA's relationship with the media.

cc: Office of Public Affairs  
(Mr. Herb Hetu)

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